

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method of enabling a user to complete installation of selected software programs on a computer system via the Internet, the method comprising:

displaying on a display of the computer system an icon;

responsive to selection of the icon, accessing, via an Internet connection, a website comprising an Internet boot facility;

providing to the Internet boot facility an ID number identifying the computer system to the Internet boot facility; and

downloading to and installing on the computer system at least one software product associated with the ID number.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the icon is associated with a software product and wherein the at least one software product downloaded to and installed on the computer system comprises the associated software product.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the associated software product was previously purchased in connection with the computer system.

4. The method of claim 2 wherein the associated software product was not previously purchased in connection with the computer system, the method further comprising, prior to the downloading and installing, prompting the user to provide payment information to purchase the associated software product.

- 1 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 prior to the downloading and installing, displaying a web page of the
3 Internet boot facility comprising a list of software products associated with the
4 ID number; and
5 responsive to selection of one of the listed software products,
6 downloading to and installing on the computer system the selected one of the
7 listed software products.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the listed software products comprise
2 software products previously purchased in connection with the computer
3 system.
- 1 7. The method of claim 5 wherein the selected one of the listed software
2 products was not previously purchased in connection with the computer
3 system, the method further comprising, prior to the downloading and
4 installing, prompting the user to enter payment information to purchase the
5 selected one of the listed software products.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the Internet boot facility is maintained by a
2 manufacturer of the computer system.
- 1 9. The method of claim 1 wherein the downloading and installing comprises
2 automatically downloading to and installing on the computer system all
3 software products previously purchased in connection with the computer
4 system.

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1 10. A system for enabling a user to complete installation of selected software
2 programs on a computer system via the Internet, the system comprising:
3 means for displaying on a display of the computer system an icon;
4 means responsive to selection of the icon for accessing, via an
5 Internet connection, a website comprising an Internet boot facility;
6 means for providing to the Internet boot facility an ID number
7 identifying the computer system to the Internet boot facility; and
8 means for downloading to and installing on the computer system at
9 least one software product associated with the ID number.

1 11. The system of claim 10 wherein the icon is associated with a software
2 product and wherein the at least one software product downloaded to and
3 installed on the computer system comprises the associated software product.

1 12. The system of claim 11 wherein the associated software product was
2 previously purchased in connection with the computer system.

1 13. The system of claim 11 wherein the associated software product was not
2 previously purchased in connection with the computer system, the method
3 further comprising, prior to the downloading and installing, prompting the user
4 to provide payment information to purchase the associated software product.

- 1 14. The system of claim 10 further comprising:
2 means for displaying a web page of the Internet boot facility comprising a list
3 of software products associated with the ID number prior to the downloading
4 and installing; and
5 means responsive to selection of one of the listed software products
6 for downloading to and installing on the computer system the selected one of
7 the listed software products.
- 1 15. The system of claim 14 wherein the listed software products comprise
2 software products previously purchased in connection with the computer
3 system.
- 1 16. The system of claim 14 wherein the selected one of the listed software
2 products was not previously purchased in connection with the computer
3 system, the method further comprising, prior to the downloading and
4 installing, prompting the user to enter payment information to purchase the
5 selected one of the listed software products.
- 1 17. The system of claim 10 wherein the Internet boot facility is maintained by a
2 manufacturer of the computer system.
- 1 18. The system of claim 10 wherein the downloading and installing comprises
2 automatically downloading to and installing on the computer system all
3 software products previously purchased in connection with the computer
4 system.

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1 19. A method of enabling a user to complete installation of selected software
2 programs on a computer system via the Internet, the method comprising:
3 responsive to an initial boot-up of the computer system, accessing, via
4 an Internet connection, a website comprising an Internet boot facility;
5 providing to the Internet boot facility an ID number identifying the
6 computer system to the Internet boot facility; and
7 downloading to and installing on the computer system at least one
8 software product associated with the ID number.

1 20. The method of claim 19 wherein the downloading and installing comprises
2 automatically downloading to and installing on the computer system all
3 software products previously purchased in connection with the computer
4 system.

1 21. The method of claim 19 further comprising:
2 prior to the downloading and installing, displaying a web page of the
3 Internet boot facility comprising a list of software products associated with the
4 ID number;
5 responsive to selection of one of the listed software products,
6 downloading to and installing on the computer system the selected one of the
7 listed software products.

1 22. The method of claim 21 wherein the listed software products comprise
2 software products previously purchased in connection with the computer
3 system.

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1 23. The method of claim 21 wherein the listed software products comprise
2 software products not previously purchased in connection with the computer
3 system, the method further comprising, prior to the downloading and
4 installing, prompting the user to enter payment information to purchase the
5 selected one of the listed software products.

1 24. The method of claim 19 wherein the Internet boot facility is maintained by a
2 manufacturer of the computer system.

1 25. A system for enabling a user to complete installation of selected software
2 programs on a computer system via the Internet, the system comprising:
3 means responsive to an initial boot-up of the computer system for
4 accessing, via an Internet connection, a website comprising an Internet boot
5 facility;
6 means for providing to the Internet boot facility an ID number
7 identifying the computer system to the Internet boot facility; and
8 means for downloading to and installing on the computer system at
9 least one software product associated with the ID number.

1 26. The system of claim 25 wherein the means for downloading and installing
2 comprises means for automatically downloading to and installing on the
3 computer system all software products previously purchased in connection
4 with the computer system.

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Variable	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Age	34.5	10.2	18	65
Gender	0.5	0.5	0	1
Marital status	0.6	0.5	0	1
Education	12.5	1.5	9	16
Income	15.2	5.8	5	35
Health status	0.8	0.4	0	1
Smoking status	0.3	0.5	0	1
Alcohol consumption	0.2	0.4	0	1
Exercise frequency	0.5	0.5	0	1
Stress level	0.7	0.5	0	1
Life satisfaction	0.6	0.5	0	1
Depression score	0.4	0.5	0	1
Loneliness score	0.3	0.5	0	1
Quality of life score	0.7	0.5	0	1

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31. An Internet boot facility maintained by a manufacturer of a computer system,
the Internet boot facility comprising:

an Internet server for connecting, via an Internet connection, to the
computer system;

a first database connected to the Internet server for maintaining a list
of software products purchased in connection with the computer system as
identified by an ID number;

a second database for storing software products downloadable to the
computer system via the Internet connection;

wherein, responsive to connection of the computer system to the
Internet boot facility via the Internet connection:

the computer ID number is provided to the Internet server;

the list of software products purchased in connection with the
computer system is displayed on a display of the computer system;

responsive to selection of one or more of the listed software products,
the selected one or more of the listed software products are downloaded to
and installed on the computer system via the Internet connection.

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1 32. An Internet boot facility maintained by a manufacturer of a computer system,
2 the Internet boot facility comprising:

3 an Internet server for connecting, via an Internet connection, to the
4 computer system;

5 a first database connected to the Internet server for maintaining a list
6 of software products purchased in connection with the computer system as
7 identified by an ID number;

8 a second database for storing software products downloadable to the
9 computer system via the Internet connection;

10 wherein, responsive to connection of the computer system to the
11 Internet boot facility via the Internet connection:

12 the computer ID number is provided to the Internet server; and

13 the software products purchased in connection with the computer
14 system are downloaded to and installed on the computer system via
15 the Internet connection.